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Dear Sheriffs & Emergency Managers:

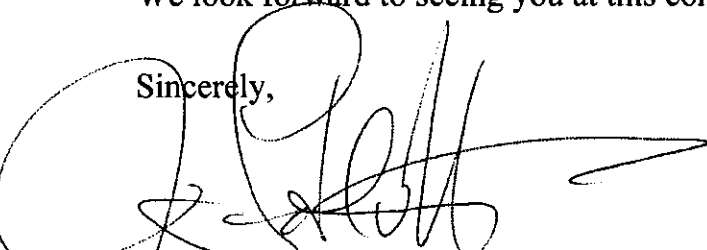
I am pleased to announce that the National Association for Search & Rescue (NASAR) has selected Tunica, Mississippi as the site for their 2010 Conference. The conference will be held at Harrah's Mid-South Convention Center Thursday – Saturday, May 13 -15, 2010. Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel from across the country will meet in Tunica to learn new skills and share experiences. To learn more about the conference and its offerings I encourage you to visit the NASAR website at [www.nasar.org](http://www.nasar.org).

As the host of the 2010 NASAR conference, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) is pleased to announce that we will be offering up to 90 scholarships for Mississippi SAR responders to attend the conference. The MOHS scholarships will cover the conference registration fee and three nights lodging (Thurs, Fri, & Sat) for those living more than 45 miles from Tunica. Each county is invited to nominate two (2) SAR personnel for these scholarships. The nominations should include the individuals' name, contact information, and a brief description of their SAR duties and responsibilities within your county. Nominations are due to MOHS no later than 12:00 p.m., on Monday, February 1, 2010. Please send your completed nominations to Ann Hawkins at [ahawkins@mdps.state.ms.us](mailto:ahawkins@mdps.state.ms.us).

MOHS will notify the scholarship recipients by Monday, March 1, 2010.

We look forward to seeing you at this conference.

Sincerely,



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